projects amounting to Rs. 67.00 Lakhs in these two places. The details of the projects are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Tourist facilities at Jawalamukhi	12.70
2.	Yatri Niwas at Jawalamukhi	27.19
3.	Tourist Lodge at Ponta Sahib	27.11
	TOTAL :	67.00

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise. However, Central Government has provided financial assistance for construction of Tourist Lodge at Hatkoti amounting to Rs. 17.00 Lakhs during 1987-88.

Filling-up of ADG post in ASI

3237. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the earlier DG, Archaeological Survey of India used to be professional archaeologists, and not an IAS officer;

(b) if so, whether they were replaced by IAS officers and since when and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the post of Addl. DG, ASI, is vacant for many years;

(d) if so, since when and reasons therefor; and

(e) by when it is proposed to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Since 10.9.1996. The UPSC could not select a suitable candidate as per the extant Recruitment Rules.

(c) to (e) The post of Additional Director General (Archaeology)

in ASI has been vacant since 30.6.1992. The post will be filled up as soon as an officer is available as per the criteria prescribed.

Promotion of Tourism in M.P.

3238. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourism projects which have been prioritised by Government in consultation with the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for the current financial year;

(b) the details thereof and the financial assistance fixed for each project; and

(c) what other measures are being undertaken to promote tourism in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have prioritised 16 projects amounting to Rs. 392.20 lakhs for the current financial year as per details given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) The Government is promoting foreign as well as domestic tourism in the country including the State of Madhya Pradesh through its 18 overseas offices by advertising in print and electronic media, participation in travel fairs, inviting media, and Travel Agents on familiarise trip, extensive use of Information Technology in tourism promotion.

Statement

Projects prioritised for 2000-2001 for Madhya Pradesh

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the scheme/project	Central financial assistance
1.	Tourist complex, Bilaspur	71.00
2.	Tourist complex, Burhanpur	47.50
3.	Day shelter and public facilities at Barmanghat, Narsinghpur	24.00
4.	Upgradation of MPSTDC's Hotel Shipra, Ujjain including construction of 60 seated Conference Hall	11.20